

this portion of the bill in there, I simply can't do it because I am concerned about the future of this body. I am concerned about what happens next time somebody wants to blackmail us, next time somebody has a little pet project they want to be exempted, and that is exactly what it is. That is exactly what it is, and look at the fact, look at the fact that I passed out yesterday. ConAgra, and we are talking about the ConAgra jet, that is what it amounts to. Let's talk about it. The ConAgra jet, if they would move to Knoxville as they threatened to do, that jet, they would pay twice the taxes on that jet as they now pay in Nebraska, and why, why is the jet such a big deal? I will tell you why. Look at Business Week last week, Business Week, an article about Mike Harper, a little picture about Mike Harper, underneath it it says, "Harper, a flying buff with a biplane." It is about 50 companies. The man loves planes, the man loves planes and he wants his jet exempted. I don't think this body should cave in to him and do it. We can pass good tax policy but we shouldn't cave in to Mike Harper and exempt his jet. It is as simple as that. Now Vard Johnson has made a great deal about what Douglas County has said about this issue, but Douglas County isn't nothing in this issue. The loser, the loser in this issue is the Omaha Public Schools. They are the ones that are going to lose. They are the ones that are going to lose \$100,000 in taxes theoretically. I am sorry I am upset about this, but the fact is I want to vote for this bill really bad, really bad, but I don't want to vote for it so bad that I am going to do something wrong and cave in to somebody. We, as a body, have to say, you out there behind the lobby, I don't care how much pressure you put on me, I am going to do what is right, and it is wrong to cave in and exempt somebody's plaything. I say let's call their bluff, take it out now. The Governor doesn't care about it. Do you know that? Mike Harper cares about it, and Vard Johnson, he has cut a deal, but let's say, no. No, we are going to pass good tax policy, tax policy that will improve our business climate and bring jobs and business to Nebraska, but not be blackmailed by ConAgra. It is as simple as that. I urge you to support the Hall amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Chambers, on the amendment followed by Senator Ashford.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, Senator Moore did bring up some interesting information, and the point about the Omaha Public Schools losing well over \$100,000 if these jets are exempt is an issue that hadn't been brought before us before. I was looking for Senator Withem but I don't